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No. 121.

2nd Session, 5th Parliament, 19 Victoria, 1856.

(PRIVATE BILL.)

BILL.

An Act to amend the Act to enable Ministers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in this Province to solemnize Matrimony and to keep Registers of Marriages, Baptisms and Burials.

Received and read, first time, Tuesday, 23th March, 1856.

Second reading, Wednesday, 2nd April, 1856.

MR. WRIGHT.

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An Act to amend the Act to enable Ministers of the Evangelical Lutheran Churches in this Province to solemnize Matrimony and to keep Registers of Marriages, Baptisms, and Burials.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Act passed in the 18th year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled, "*An Act to enable the Ministers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in this Province to solemnize Matrimony and to keep Registers of Marriages, Baptisms, and Burials;*" Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows :

Preamble.
18 V. c. 58.

I. The first section of the Act mentioned in the preamble of this Act is hereby repealed; and the following section shall be substituted in lieu thereof and shall be held to be the first section of the said Act :

Sect. 1 of the said Act repealed.

"In Upper Canada all the powers, privileges and advantages by the Act of the Legislature of the late Province of Upper Canada, passed in the 11th year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Fourth, and intituled, "*An Act to make valid certain Marriages heretofore contracted and to provide for the future solemnization of Matrimony in this Province,*" conferred upon or vested in any Clergyman or Minister of any of the several religious denominations mentioned in the third section of the said Act, shall be and the same are hereby conferred upon and vested in any Clergyman, Minister, or Pastor of the said Religious denomination called The Evangelical Lutheran Church, whether he be or be not a subject of Her Majesty by birth or naturalization, (provided he shall take the oath of allegiance and otherwise comply with the requirements of the fourth section of the said last cited Act,) as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes and upon the same conditions and restrictions with respect to his ordination, constitution and appointment as such Clergyman, Minister or Pastor, as if the Evangelical Lutheran Church aforesaid had been among the number of religious denominations mentioned in the said third section, and subject to all the penalties imposed by the said Act for any contravention of the provisions thereof."

Ministers of the said persuasion to have the benefit of the Act of U. C. 11 G. IV. c. 36, although not subjects of H. M., provided they take the oath of allegiance and otherwise comply with the said Act.

II. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.

Public Act.